

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8 - 22 and 28 without prejudice.

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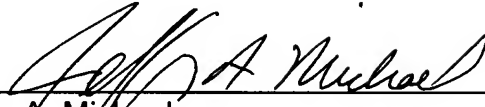
Claims 1-28 are subject to an Election/Restriction requirement. In the action, the Examiner identifies five separate species; namely species I, corresponding to FIGS. 2 and 3, species II, corresponding to FIG. 3, species III, corresponding to FIG. 4, species IV, corresponding to FIG. 5, and species V, corresponding to FIG. 6. Applicant is directed to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant provisionally elects species III, corresponding to FIG. 4, wherein claims 1 - 7 are readable thereon. However, applicant wishes to point out that the device 100' illustrated in FIG. 4 represents an alternate embodiment of device 100 illustrated in FIG. 2 (see page 9, lines 18-20 of applicant's specification), and that device 100' is therefore interchangeable with device 100 in the implementation illustrated in FIG. 2. Applicant submits that species III should therefore additionally include FIG. 2, in which case claims 23 - 27 are further readable on species III.

Applicant elects claims 1 - 7 and 23 - 27 for substantive examination, which claims read on species III as species III has been characterized by applicant (i.e., that species III should include FIGS. 2 and 4). Applicant has accordingly canceled claims 8 - 22 and 28 without prejudice. If the Examiner disagrees with applicant's characterization of species III and instead maintains that species III should only include FIG. 4, the Examiner is authorized to further cancel claims 23-27 without

prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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